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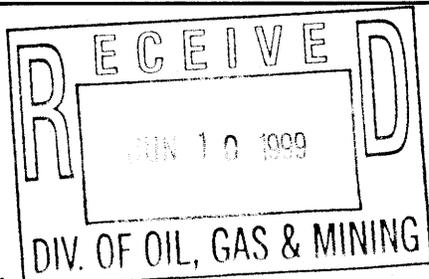
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Dear Participant:

The Forest Service is evaluating a permit amendment submitted to the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining by PacifiCorp. The proposed amendment would allow PacifiCorp to transport solid bulk materials via tractor/trailer to Deer Creek Mine workings along the county road in the main fork of Rilda Canyon to the existing breakout access road in the Left Fork of Rilda Canyon. Materials would be unloaded at the existing Left Fork Breakout and transported to the mine workings via underground mine vehicles. The amendment would allow PacifiCorp to minimize more costly transport of materials through underground mine workings from their mine in Deer Creek. Use of the breakout access road is currently limited to emergency use to minimize truck traffic along the Huntington Canyon Scenic Byway and disturbance to wildlife and recreation use in Rilda Canyon. PacifiCorp has proposed to haul materials between April 15 to December 1. Hauling would average 5.4 trucks per day. No hauling would take place on weekends, holidays, or the day preceding the opening of the regular season deer and elk hunts. The South Fork Breakout is located in Section 29, Township 16 South, Range 7 East, Salt Lake Meridian, Emery County, Utah.

If no extraordinary circumstances or significant effects are identified through scoping/analysis, the Forest Service anticipates documenting the environmental analysis in a Decision Memo because it would qualify for categorical exclusion from documentation in an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement (FSH 1909.15, Section 31.2).

The Forest Service is inviting public input through the scoping process. If you have any comments, concerns, or questions regarding the project, please forward them to Carter Reed at the Manti-La Sal National Forest, Supervisor's Office, 599 West Price River Drive, Price, Utah 84501 (telephone 435-637-2817) by **close of business on June 22, 1999.**

Sincerely,

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